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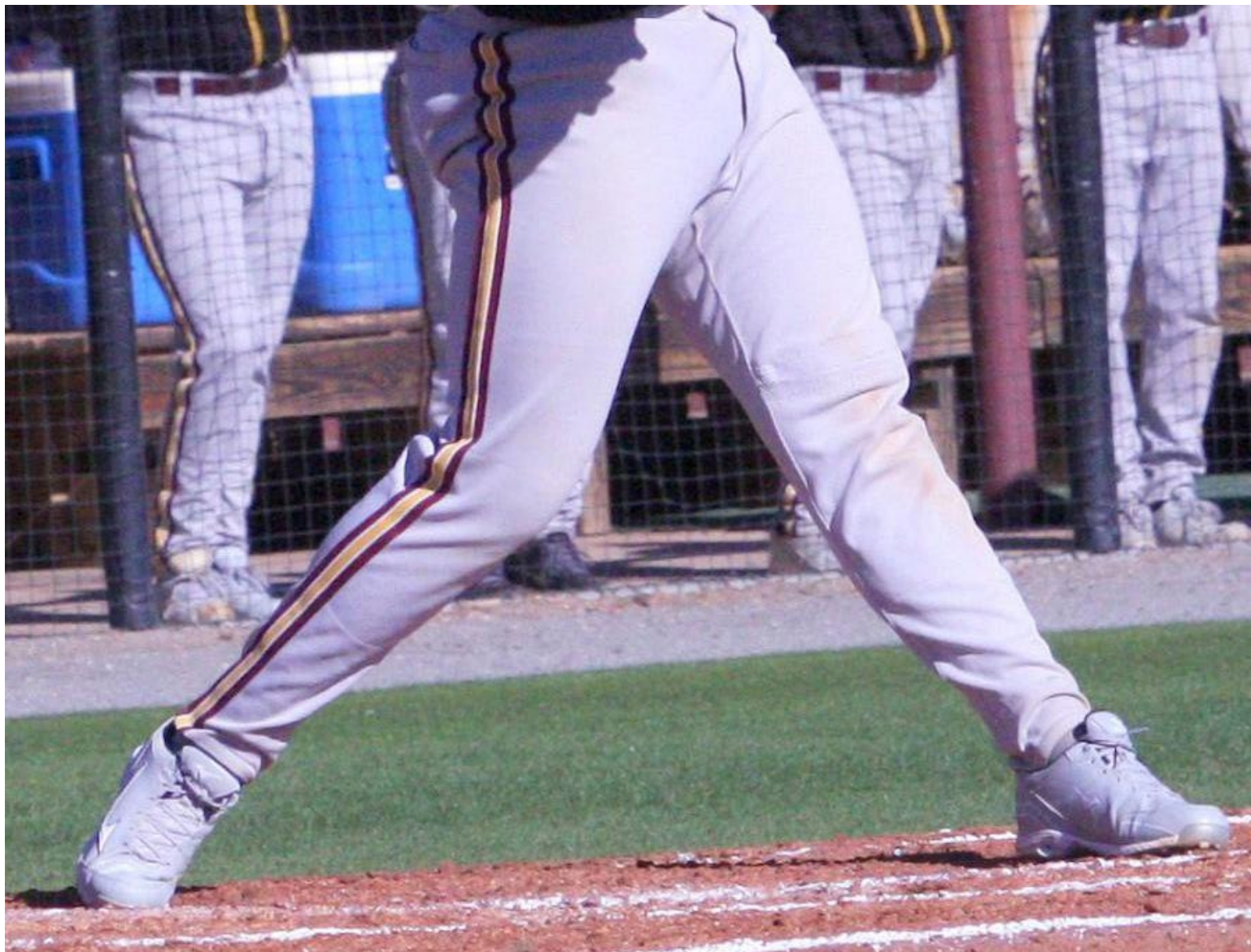
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FRANCIS MARION

11	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	9
	ARMSTRONG (17-8, 9-6)	2	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	11	13	2	
	FRANCIS MARION (14-12, 9-6)	1	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	9	12	1	







Posted: Mar 29, 2013

**FLORENCE, S.C.** - The Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad held off Francis Marion University, 11-9, in the first game of a Peach Belt Conference series on Friday night at Sparrow Stadium in Florence, S.C.

The win pushed the Pirates' win streak to four as Armstrong improved to 17-8 overall and 9-6 in the PBC, while Francis Marion fell to 14-12 overall and 9-6 in the league.

Armstrong struck quickly in the contest with two runs in the top of the first inning on a two-run single by **Clayton Miller** to right. Francis Marion got one back in the bottom half of the first on a Michael Wilson sacrifice fly, but the Pirates plated five in a big second inning, keyed by a **Dalton Johnson** two-run double.

Francis Marion scored three times in the second inning on an error and a two-run Stephen Tarkenton single, then closed to within one run at 7-6 in the third inning with a two-run single by Brett Fulmer.

BATTING
<b>ARMSTRONG</b>
<b>2B:</b> Dalton Johnson; Chris Zittrouer; Casey Maloney
<b>3B:</b> none
<b>HR:</b> none
<b>FRANCIS MARION</b>
<b>2B:</b> Stephen Tarkenton; Rhodes Dickerson; Dalton Gress
<b>3B:</b> none
<b>HR:</b> none

FULL STATS

It remained a one-run game until the top of the sixth inning, when the Pirates plated four runs. **Chris Zittrouer** laced a two-run double, then **Chris Fritts** followed with an RBI single and **Casey Maloney** knocked a two-run double to make the score 11-6.

Francis Marion again closed the gap, scoring three times in the sixth inning, but **Juan Vera** entered the game for the Pirates in the seventh and held the Patriots to just one hit over the final three innings, earning his second save of the season.

**Chris Base** (3-3) picked up the win for the Pirates with six innings of work, giving up nine runs - six earned - and 11 hits, striking out one.

Gary Ashcraft (3-3) took the loss for the Patriots, giving up six hits and seven runs in one inning of work as he never made it out of the second inning.

Five different Pirates had two hits in the game as Zittrouer and Miller each had two RBIs to go with two hits. Francis Marion was led by three hits apiece from Tarkenton and Will Chandler.

The two teams wrap up their three-game PBC series with a 2:00 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday.



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